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The following is excerpted from the Arizona Corporation Website:

Can I choose another electric service provider? Yes and no. If you are a customer of Tucson Electric Power, Arizona Public Service, Ajo Improvement Authority or Navopache Electric Cooperative, competition is allowed in your area. Those service areas have been opened for competition, along with Salt River Project's territory (the ACC does not regulate the Salt River Project). But there's more to the equation than just opening a territory to competition. Once you open an area, then you have to wait for alternative providers to state that they wish to serve customers in that area. **Although the Arizona Corporation Commission has granted certificates to several providers, none of these providers are offering competitive residential or small commercial service in Arizona yet. So for all practical purposes, consumers do not yet have a choice of providers.** Under the old regulatory regime, a company got a certificate to serve any and all customers within a certain geographic area. Now, with the advent of electric competition, those geographic boundaries are no longer the sole determining factor of what company can serve customers.

Now my question is why has this been allowed to go on this long between APS and SRP? Those of us with APS are stuck with ridiculously high rates compared with SRP and I for one would love to see some competition. The really sad part of this is all that is involved is a meter change. With the new meters they don't even come out and read them any longer.

In addition those of us in Tonopah, actually, Maricopa County above Northern Avenue (I'm at 391 Avenue north of Northern) cannot even get a phone line as we are in an unassigned area. I was informed by the corporation commission offices 11 years ago that some areas in the state were left unassigned to further competition. I really don't know who thought that was a good idea. The net effect was to leave large rural areas of the state without hope of getting communications. Whatever happened to the rural utilities act.

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